revised, the additional items of works being concrete foundation for walls, taking the foundation works to a depth of one foot more and giving proportionate width to the walls, and extending the walls to a length of 21 ft. more. Rs. 600 is for constructing a groyne. On account of the strong current in the river the revetment wall is being damaged. If the groyne is not put up soon the foundation of the compound wall which extends to the revetment wall will be damaged. Rs. 250 is for sinking a well and lining it. The existing wells or tanks are all open. For the health of the people living in the estate a protected well is necessary.

4. II—A—Farm operations—Rs. 800.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 800. This amount is for the travelling allowance of the officers of the Department attached to the Farm. Budget provision for the current year is Rs. 1,000 and the amount already spent is Rs. 930. The amount actually incurred in 1103 was Rs. 2,400. The additional allotment now applied for is necessary for carrying on the work of the Department.

President.—Are they two separate demands?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes, Sir.

President.—Then move them separately.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 800 for travelling allowance.

President.—What are the reasons for this additional allotment?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We are not opposing it, Sir.

(*The allotment was passed by the Council.*)

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 1,600 under 'II—A—Cocoanut Station.'

President.—There is a cut motion in the name of Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar.

Motion No. 1.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,600 under II—A. Cocoanut Station by Re. 1.*

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I do not want to move.

(*Hence the motion was considered withdrawn.*)

Motion No. 2.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,600 under II—A.—Cocoanut Station by Re. 1.*

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I have tabled this cut motion to call the attention of the Government to the absolute indifference shown by them in not heeding to the advice of this Council, in the matter of agricultural reforms. We have been pressing in

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this House for the establishment of Taluk Farms, so that the benefits of the scientific knowledge of the Department may be brought to the very door of the ryots. We have an ornamental Department, whose information and whose special knowledge and whose ideas to improve agriculture are not brought to the very door of our already burdened, overtaxed ryots who are in the clutches of the moneylenders. If it is not brought, there is no use in your having your establishment. The country will not improve by way of agriculture. The knowledge must be brought to the very door. They must be tempted to come there and take off the benefits of knowledge for the improvement of land and benefit of production in the land. Therefore, Sir, we have, from the beginning of this Council, times without number, stated that agriculture is the main-stay of our country. Agriculture is the main-stay of our Government and, therefore, that Department should be the first and foremost Department and should be given every facility, so that its knowledge may be spread throughout the country and especially among the illiterate and poor peasants. That has not been done till now. That is the indifference I am complaining of. We have also passed resolutions with reference to irrigation and nothing has been done for the benefit of the poor ryots. We have also passed a resolution on rural reconstruction for the benefit of the rural population. We asked for a small committee consisting of two members to be appointed to go round the villages of Cochin and submit a report.

President.—I may correct you that the committee was to consist of three members.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Yes Sir, it is three members, but what I meant was two non-official Members. No orders have been passed so far, although that resolution was carried during the Budget Session of last year. Six months have elapsed and I do not know how long it will take to come to a conclusion upon this vital, important and urgent matter. It is to call the attention of the Government to these things that I have tabled this cut motion.

President.—Do you press the motion ?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I press the motion to a division to show the indifference of the Government.

President.—Any other Member wishing to speak on this motion ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Sir, all the facts which the Hon'ble Member for Jews has brought before this House are engaging the earnest attention of the Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I do not think so. We want the results.

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Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It is only a question of time and funds.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I wish to contribute a few words.

President.—I gave a chance for all to speak and as there was none I asked the Government side to give its opinion.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I thought of speaking after hearing the Government side. But if I am not in time I do not want to speak. The question was rushed through. Although I wished to have said something I am not very keen.

President.—I shall first of all put the cut motion to vote.

(*The motion was put and negatived.*)

President.—Now I shall put the substantial motion to the vote of the House.

(*The substantial motion for an additional allotment of Rs.,1600 under II—A—Cocoanut Station was put and agreed to.*)

5. IX.—Forests.—Rs. 10,520.

President.—The next item is the motion for an additional allotment of Rs. 10,520 under IX—Forests.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 10,520 under 'IX—Forests'.

We did not know that this amount was to be spent this year and secondly it was not possible to budget it in the present year's account. Part of the amount was already due last year, *viz.*, about Rs. 6,000 and odd, and bills were sent to the contractor to be signed and returned. But he did not return them and so the amount lapsed. The contract extended to this year and further collection was also made this year and the total amount now due including the lapsed one is Rs. 10,520. This could not be met from this year's allotment because they have been earmarked.

President.—This year's allotment has been earmarked for specific items and you will not be justified in transferring any amount to meet this expenditure. But will it appear from the budget that it was earmarked ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—In the detailed budget submitted by me they are mentioned.

President.—Was it under the sanction of the Government?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know from the Hon'ble Member whether he had any special difficulty for providing in the 1104 budget when these amounts lapsed in 1103 ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Towards the end of 1103. The budget could not be framed in such a manner as it was prepared in Medam.

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